THE Quakers rejected,

Which was also *Foretold*, by a Person once Eminent amongst them; taken out of his Writings, which were Published some Years ago.

How are the Mighty fallen!

How is the Faithful City become an Harlot! In it was once the Seat of Judgment and Righteousness; but now Oppressours and Murderers bear Sway and Rule. Therefore shall they be dashed to Pieces, like a Potters Vessel. And whether they will Hear, or whether they Forbear, this is Truths Testimony, which certainly, unerringly, and infallibly, shall, and will come to pass.

J. P.

I Have long seen the Abomination that makes desolate, standing amongst the *Quakers*; Wherefore hear the Word of the Lord ye Rulers of *Sodom* and People of *Gomorrah*; 'tis this *Spirit* that hath encompassed your *Jerusalem* about as with Armies — by which we know that the Destruction thereof draweth nigh. Finally, 'tis that *Spirit* of Wickedness in the form of Righteousness, that hath already torn your Crown from off your Head, and discovered your secret Parts, so that the Scab of Contention and Strife is seen, which will never leave nor cease to divide you till the name of *Quaker* become an Hiss and a Scorn amongst the Nations. *And you shall leave your Name for a Curse to my Chosen, (whom you have cursed) saith the Lord God Everlasting, who will slay Thee, and call his Servants by another Name,* (It may be *Hallelujah*) which you have so much defam'd.

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And You that (for the vaſt numbers of your Tribes) have ſeemed to magnify your ſelves in your increaſe of Children, Wo be to You that now give Suck, (and take ſo much pains to add to your Sect,) for behold, in one day, loſs of Children, and Widowhood ſhall come upon You: yea, a Voice (as that in *Ramah*) ſhall be heard among you, Lamenting your Children becauſe they are not.

Of this I am moſt certain — that a Bitter, Lying, and Perſecuting Proud *Spirit* inhabits your Tents; which Babyloniſh Garment hath long been ſeen to lie hid amongſt that *Tribe* called the *Miniſtry*, the *Teachers* and *Leaders* of the *Quakers*, even ſuch Spiritual Wickedneſs; which if practiſ'd amongſt the *Presbyterians*, *Independents*, or others, (whom ye diſown, and can ſee in them nothing that is good) they would abhor themſelves therein; which You, as with a Whores Forehead, boldly maintain and defend. You are in truth thoſe that juſtify your ſelves before Men; but God knoweth your Hearts, and the day is at hand, even at your very Door, which will Diſcover, Reveal and Preach, as upon the Houſe tops, many and great Abominations, which yet lie hid amongſt You; that ſo You may be judged according to your deeds. In which day, all your ſmooth and gilded words of *Light* and *Love* will not hide You; neither yet your flouriſhing Profeſſion, and high eſteem You have of your ſelves, and the low eſteem You have of others, will not cover you from being ſeen. The *Golden Head* of that Image, whereof others are the Iron, Lead and Clay; yea, the very *Name* in which You have Prayed and Propheſyed (when innocent) and in which You have caſt out Devils, and wrought Wonders, ſhall now reject You, ſaying, *Depart from me*, &c.

I know and have long ſeen that Offences muſt and will be, and that the wo is to them who are offended with what is juſt and innocent. For ſurely this is the Day of *Jacob*'s Troubles, wherein for the diviſion of *Reuben* (the firſt Birth, which ſtands in uniformity to Man in the things of God) there will be great thoughts of Heart. Inſomuch, that if any Offence ariſe, in this Particular, (the Lord knowing my Innocency therein,) makes me to ſay, *Bleſſed are ye that are not offended in me*, or rather in what the *Spirit* of Love worketh in Man; for I ſee the *Spirit*'s leading is that Stone and Rock of Offence, at which many in *Iſrael* have ſtumbled, and (falling Headlong as *Judas* did, *Acts* 1.18.) are burſt aſunder, and all their Bowels of Love are guſhed out, and nought left them, ſave Wrath and Enmity againſt the Innocent Brethren. This ſpurning and ſtumbling at the Corner-ſtone (*viz.*)

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Gods *Spirit* in Man, is the only ground of all these Breachings and Divisions which are at this Day, &c. Yea, the Son and Heir of Heaven, the Light and Truth in the inward Parts, is become the Gin and Snare to *Israel* after the Flesh, who think they do God good service, when they smite, backbite and devour the Innocent and Upright in Heart.

As if to follow other Mens Light would save the Soul, rather then to follow the Light and Measure of God in themselves. — But when Man leaves and forsakes Gods Grace in himself, (which is sufficient to lead into all Truth) and by his own industry partakes of the stolen Waters of the Harlot, (*viz.*) Mans Inventions and Teachings, he will then with all the bitterness and violence of Man, endeavour to defend this Idol, (read *Ezek.* 8. 12.) as more affecting the Work of his own Hands, then respecting the Rule which God hath given him to walk by.

And because, I see the Son of Man is coming forth to bruise (as with a Rod of Iron) the Unrighteous Nations, not to bring Peace, but a Sword ; I also, in obedience to the Father's Commands, have sold my Coat, (made of Good-will to all, both Persons and Things) that I might purchase a Sword, with which (contrary to my Nature) I am constrained to plead like a Man of Contention, against this proud, Pharisaical and perverse Generation, this *Leviathan* and crooked Serpent, in whose Nostrils (unless a Hook be put,) would swallow not only the Rivers, but also the very Sea into himself, *viz.* receive all, (tho never so unclean in Heart and Spirit, if outwardly they will but own him,) receive his Mark and Number of his Name, and walk in outward Observation and Shew conformable to them; who whilst they profess themselves free from sin — and being the only Children of God, are notwithstanding found bitter Persecutors of the Truth, and Enemies to the *Nation*, the Anointed one, in whomsoever He doth appear ; thereby rendring themselves guilty of all the innocent Blood which hath been spilt from the Blood of Righteous *Abel*, even unto this day ; all which Blood cryeth aloud for Vengeance upon the well-favour'd Harlot, (*Mystery Babylon*,) who in the Golden Cups and goodly shew of an outward Profession hath drunkenly (with a bitter ravening and devouring Spirit) made herself drunk with the Blood of the Saints and Martyrs of Jesus.

I have observed, that those that forsake Father and Mother, (the Sect that nourished and brought them forth) to follow the LORD fully

fully and wholly (as did *Caleb*, *Joshua* and *Jesus*, &c.) not minding their own Reputation or Fame, nor loving their Lives unto the Death; such, I say, have been accounted, as in all Ages, so by this Hypocritical, Proud, Self-righteous Generation, as the worst of Men, calling them *Ranters*, *Atheists*, *Blasphemers*, *Devils*, any thing, even all manner of evil, so they may wound the Truth, and slay the innocent Defenders thereof, whose harmless Souls I see lying under the Altar of Truth sorely oppressed for their Testimony thereunto, and crying out, *How long, Lord God, holy and true, e're thou dost judge and revenge our Blood!* For whose Elect sake the God of my Salvation will suddenly arise, and then behold Enmity, Lyes and Falshood, &c. (even all that Spirit of Wickedness) will surely fly, hide it self, and sink again into the bottomless Pit, from whence it came.

I have been by none so shamefully vilified and abused as by the People call'd *Quakers*, — Who care not whom they slander, or what lyes they tell, so they may advance, strengthen and increase their Party and Sect. — By all which it will evidently appear, that the Spirit of Deceit and Falshood is crept in, and doth inhabit amongst this People.

I have thus much to signify to the *Quakers* — that if they would forbear any longer to give the Innocent of their Wormwood and Gall to drink, and rather study Peace and Quietness, and learn to love their Enemies, yea, if possible, turn (that which some account) Evil unto Good, or at the least, reward Evil with that which is Good, and not pervert the Words and Actions of others (which are honestly and innocently intended) to an evil and wrong sense: I dare assure them that to follow this Way and Spirit of harmless Love and Kindness, will sooner bring them into the Land of *Canaan*, viz. into Peace and Rest with that of God in all His Creation, than their high talk of *Infallibility* and *Self-perfection* shall do, or their saying (with the Pharisees of old) that God is their Father, whilst they are doing the Devils work, and found smiting, tearing and devouring the Innocent, &c. Assuredly, these their high Notions and lofty Imaginations will no longer serve to hide them from the Wrath of the LAMB, who is now arising to take Vengeance of all that have had a hand in slaying Him; for a Separation is making between the Precious and the Vile, between him that serveth God in newness of Heart, in the upright Spirit of Love in well-doing, and those that serve and please themselves, a Sect, a Party, or an Opinion only.

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And were not Perſecutors Blind in Heart, and Hardned, they would ſoon diſcern how that Love that thinks none ill, gives no evil wrathful Names, (eſpecially to thoſe they know no evil by) as *Ranters*, *Whoremongers*, *Devils*, &c. And that this is not the Spirit of the *Lamb*, but the Dragon that caſts out his Floods of Enmity after the Manchild (the Son of Love,) who ſurely muſt and will take the Kingdom, and get the Victory over Enmity, the worſt and greateſt Enemy of Mankind.

Therefore is He now ariſing to daſh one againſt another, Brother againſt Brother, one againſt two, and two againſt three, till the Earth hath diſcloſed the Blood ſhe hath drunk, and the Seed of God be recovered (out of that Reproach and Shame under which it hath layn buried, by the inveterate and implacable Spirit of a Carnal, Formal Profeſſion,) yea redeemed to walk in Gods way, which He by his Spirit ſhall direct in every Heart and Conſcience. For this I know and do declare, that my God will not leave overturning, overturning, overturning, till He comes who brings along with Him Truth and Love, to Equity and Righteouſneſs, whoſe right it is thus to Rule and Reign in the Hearts and Conſciences of His People, whoſe way ſhall be proſperous upon the Earth.

You greatly cry out and call upon others to fear and dread the LORD, yet your ſelves are ſo ignorant of that Leſſon, that ye blindly run on to judge the Innocent, and condemn the Truth, yea to ſmite the Apple of Gods Eye, and irreverently reach at the Signet on His right Hand, by condemning and ſpeaking evil of the things you know not: which ſufficiently demonſtrate that You are out of the pure Fear, that keeps the Heart clean from thoſe Abominations into which You ſo eaſily run.

Alas, what are all your ſmooth words of *Light*, *Love* and *Truth*, whilſt they ſpring from the Root and Spirit of Fallhood, Envy and Bitterneſs! and what is it to ſpeak with the Tongue of Men and Angels, to have the Gift of Prophecy, to open Myſteries, or to have Faith that could remove Mountains, and have not Love and Charity, what will all this avail you? Are You herein better than *Balaam* was? I tell you nay: for he knew as much as You do, and was more Honeſt and Sincere; for he knew not only the difference between the two Seeds, (when his Eyes were opened) which was Bleſſed and which Accurſed; but was alſo well acquainted with the Seed of God, its Beginning, Progreſs and End. Yea and more, he (did not curſe

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it, but) owned it, and would ſpeak nothing but Truth, and what the Lord put in his Mouth, that only would he ſay; but Ye utter Lyes and Falſhood with great confidence againſt the Innocent, even what the Devil ſuggeſteth. Thus having loſt your firſt Love, and forſaken the Faith once deliver'd to the Saints; you are now like that Evil Spirit caſt out, running to and fro, walking through the dry places of your *Elders Traditions*, following the Footſteps of *Amalek*, the firſt of Nations, thoſe you call **Good old Friends**, ſeeking reſt, but never ſhall find any, ſo long as *Balaak* and *Balaam*, that bitter Spirit, leads to Curſe whom God will ſurely Bleſs, and bring over you; for Ye muſt fall, and (with *Haman*, *Saul* and *Herod*) be inſnared and taken, even in the ſame Pit of cruel Deceit, which you have digged for your Innocent Brethren: and herein (for ſome time) will the Faith and Patience of the Saints be exerciſed.

Thus am I clear from the Blood of all Men, in that I have not ceaſed both by Words and Writing to forewarn of the coming of this **Antichriſt** among the *Quakers*, who for more then ten Years laſt paſt have been that poor Aſs, ſpeaking as with Mans Voice, reproving and withſtanding the madneſs of this Lying, Wrathful, Bitter, Perſecuting Spirit, knowing right well when it enter'd, and you thereby came to reject the LORD, that He ſhould not reign over you, by His Spirit of *Light* and *Love*, but rather choſe to your ſelves a King, like unto other Sects and Nations, for to judge and rule you; who was not the *Unction*, nor the Anointed of the LORD; nor yet the Olive, Fig, nor Vine, that could heal, rejoyce, or bind you up; but the **Beaſt** and King of the bottomleſs Pit, that ſhall ſo rend, tear, and devour you, till not one Stone ſhall be left upon another; which thing tell *G. F.* that FOX your King.

By what is written, you may ſee how this High and Luciferian People the *Quakers*, who for their Shew and Numbers have been as the Stars of Heaven, and who for their Pride and Enmity are now caſt down; behold, *what Clouds they are without Water, even wandring Stars, to whom is reſerved the blackneſs of darkneſs for ever*: WHOSE FALL IS THE RICHES OF THE WORLD; inſomuch that Carnal Whoremongers and Adulterers (over whom they have exalted themſelves) ſhall ſooner Repent, find Mercy, and enter Gods Kingdom of Grace, then this Spiritually Adulterous, Proud Generation, (that account ſo highly of themſelves, and to be the only Children of the Kingdom) who ſhall be ſhut out. —— So that the firſt in Profeſſion are

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now become the last in Possession of the Kingdom, which standeth not in Words, nor yet in outward Appearances, but in Humility and Love unfeigned, yea in Righteousness, Peace and Joy.

And till I hear of your publick Repentance, as you have publickly appear'd against the Truth, and the Innocent Defenders thereof, I shall esteem you no better then *Judas*, or as Infidels and Heathens, that have denyed the Truth and Faith once deliver'd to the Saints; which to maintain, some have hazarded the loss of all Things, yea suffered great Shame and Reproach amongst you. But blessed be God, that which Ye intended for evil against me, that hath the Lord my God turned unto good; for which my Soul doth bless and magnify His Name, and for ever give thanks, even whilest I am, and when I am no more.

The foregoing being printed in less room then was expected, the vacancy is fill'd up with this following Letter, which was lately sent to one of the said People.

FRIEND,

YEsterday we received from thee a foul and dirty Letter, both within and without; loathsom indeed to a clean Mind; wherin thou confirmed what was spoken the same day in your open Meeting, which was this; That as certainly as ever a Lying Spirit enter'd *Ahab*'s false Prophets; so as certainly, and assuredly, hath a deceitful Lying Spirit enter'd your Preachers. *Canst thou have the boldness to charge your own Iniquities upon us? in that thou mentions our revelling, and ranting at* Merchant-Taylors-Hall; *when at the same time, we were kept in a sober, serious, weighty Spirit; was it not wickedness sufficient in You, to deny us that Meeting-Place wherein we had a just right; but You must come thither (where we were) in the fury of your Spirits, to make a disturbance; and when you had done all this, adding sin, unto sin; You have taken liberty to your Tongues, greatly to bely, and reproach us; saying, report, and we will report; defame, and we will defame. The truth is, You had wanted matter exceedingly to have fulfill'd your own corrupt wills against us, (after we were made to provoke you,) had it not been for burning the Paper at the* Exchange, *and inviting several Persons to* Merchant-Taylors-Hall; *things of no evil in themselves, neither done with an evil Mind; but You seeing your Kingdom was struck at, and like*

far as lay in your power; but the time of Joseph's imprisonment is at an end; and what You have sowed, You must now reap; for your selves are become an odious People in the eyes of most sober Persons, so that the common Proverb with many is, You are as cunning as a Quaker; it may indeed be matter of grief to us all, that it should be thus; but as Righteousness establisheth a People, or a Nation; so on the contrary, Unrighteousness throws them down. Alas! is there any matter made amongst You of telling lyes? How many have you told, writ, and printed concerning us? I must tell thee, my own Mother (tho she never came into any of your outward Professions,) would punish a lye with severity; which, when I have consider'd, and also the little Conscience You make thereof, truly I have admir'd the Ground hath not opened and swallowed up some of You, for an example and warning to the rest. There's many grost evils breaks forth dayly amongst You; but where's your Testimony, Year, after Year, against them for Evil-doing, as hath been against us for Well-doing? some of You (I do believe) keeps clean the outside, but inwardly You are as ravening Wolves; for if any oppose You and testify against your Form; You endeavour to ruine them, both Soul and Body, so far as lies in your Power; so You are far from doing, as You would be done unto; and so far from rendring Good for Evil, that You dayly reward Evil for Good. I tell thee reveling, and naming, my Soul ever abhor'd; therefore put these words upon your own, that doth so.

I have hitherto been very tender to hide shot (for the love I have had to thee and thy Wife,) but the day of recompence is come; and thou shalt know, thou art not right in His sight who beholds the secrets of all Hearts; therefore be humbled, and sit in silence, wash not thy self, lest thou be made an example to others.

I am thy Friend,

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We are very guilty concerning our Brother, in that we saw the anguish of his Soul when he beseught us, and we would not hear: therefore is this trouble come upon us.

THE END.

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